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REMARKS [REDACTED] 25X1

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1. On 4 September 1953, the tents of the bivouac on Lindenallee, southeast of Finow, could no longer be observed. Fifteen trucks which were ready to leave, were seen there, along with troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] they belonged to a signal unit. At about 5 p.m., the trucks left toward Wasserfall-Eberswalde.<sup>1</sup> 25X1

2. On 29 August, a train of 5 boxcars, occupied by troops, and an undetermined number of flatcars, carrying 8 tank trucks with trailers and 4 trucks, including [REDACTED] passed through the Neubrandenburg railroad station, coming from the direction of Berlin and proceeding toward Demmin.<sup>2</sup> 25X1  
At about 6:30 a.m. on 29 August, three JS-3 tanks, [REDACTED] were seen in Neubrandenburg, en route toward Penzlin.<sup>3</sup> 25X1

3. At 4:10 p.m. on 6 September, a train with about 10 boxcars, 1 coach, occupied to capacity by troops, and an undetermined number of flatcars, carrying 12 T-34/85 tanks, 2 half-track armored personnel carriers and 6 to 7 trucks, was seen in Berlin, leaving the Gesundbrunnen railroad station toward west.<sup>4</sup> 25X1

4. On 18 August a column of 1 jeep and 35 to 40 factory-new van-like trucks, which were empty [REDACTED] left Oranienburg toward east. [REDACTED] 25X1

5. On 10 September, a shipment of 30 factory-new trucks, escorted by a detail of 1 officer and 3 EM wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, was seen at the Biederitz railroad station, en route toward Magdeburg. 25X1

6. On 9 September, a signal unit was detrained at the Magdeburg-Friedrichstadt railroad station. [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] Comment. The tent camp is mentioned for the first time. The unit may have also been employed in the command post exercises in the area of Mecklenburg which was held between about 29 August and 8 September, unless it were a signal unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army involved in an internal exercise, which may have ended on 4 September.

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2. [ ] Comment. [ ] the train [ ]  
[ ] which, with elements of a ground unit of a fighter regiment,  
passed through Neubrandenburg, en route from Welzow to Damgarten.

3. [ ] Comment. [ ] the JS tanks belonged  
to the unidentified Gds Hw Tank SP Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div.

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4. [ ] Comment. If the shipment observed involved a Soviet unit,  
the train may have carried tank elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div  
which were withdrawn from Berlin on 6 September, after, on 5 September,  
a unit of this division had been detrained in Berlin-Kaulsdorf, coming  
from Templin [ ]

5. [ ] Comment. [ ] vehicles of the  
1st Mecz Div from Doeberitz.

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6. [ ] Comment. Probably return movement of a signal unit of the Third  
Shock army, which had participated in the com and post exercise in the  
Mecklenburg area. [ ]

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